THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 21st February 1948.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Change in the procedure governing provincial services.

* 1 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state in what respects there will be any change in the procedure governing the appointment, transfer, punishment and retirement of officers in various categories of services under the Provincial Government after August 15, 1947?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" The classes of services and posts under the control of the Provincial Government before 15th August 1947 were—

(1) All-India Services.

(2) Provincial Services.

(3) Subordinate Services.

(4) Other miscellaneous posts.

" No change in the procedure governing the appointment, transfer, punishment and retirement of officers in any of the services and posts in items (2) to (4) above after 15th August 1947 is under contemplation. The same procedure as was in force before 15th August 1947 will continue to apply.

" As regards item (1) above, these services were under the rule-making control of the Secretary of State till 15th August 1947. Under sub-section (1) of section 10 of the Indian Independence Act, the rule-making authority of the Secretary of State has ceased. Under sub-section (2) of the same section, the existing members of those services are however protected in regard to their conditions of service as regards remuneration, leave and pension. They will also be entitled to the same rights as regards disciplinary matters as they were entitled to before, or rights as similar thereto as the changed circumstances permit. Thus, there will be practically no change in regard to the procedure governing punishment and retirement, so far as existing members of the old All-India Services are concerned, except that wherever power was vested in the Secretary of State that power will be exercised by the Governor-General. Transfers and promotions of these officers will, as before, be made by the Provincial Government.

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"With effect from 15th August 1947, there will be no more recruitment to the old All-India Services. Two of those services, viz., the I.C.S. and the I.P. have been replaced by the Indian Administrative Service and the Indian Police Service respectively, to which recruitment will be made on an all-India basis. Rules regulating recruitment, conditions of service, discipline, etc., in respect of these services have not yet been issued, but it is likely that they will not differ very much from those which have hitherto applied to the I.C.S. and the I.P. In the case of the remaining services, namely, the Indian Agricultural Service, the Indian Educational Service, the Indian Forest Service, the Indian Service of Engineers, the Indian Veterinary Service and the Indian Medical Service, the posts borne on the cadres of those services, except the Indian Medical Service, have already been brought on to the cadres of the corresponding provincial services. Posts borne on the cadre of the Indian Medical Service are being included in the Madras Medical Service and the rules are being amended. Future appointments, etc., to all these posts will be governed by the statutory rules applicable to the Provincial Services concerned.

"Mr. President, this question being long, I have had the answer cyclostyled and copies have been laid on the table of the House for the benefit of hon. Members."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know what remedy exists for officers now after the 15th August 1947; if they are punished by Government? May I know whether they can submit memorials to His Excellency the Governor or appeal to His Excellency, as they were able to do before that date?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"I must go into the question and will be able to give an answer a little while later. At present it seems to me that the whole thing is finished with the Provincial Government; but whether an appeal lies and if so, to whom is a matter that has to be investigated and I will be able to give an answer some time later."

Income of religious institutions which are paying contributions to Hindu Religious Endowment Boards.

* 2 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) the income of the various religious institutions which are paying contributions to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board; and

(*b*) the amount spent by these institutions for religious and secular education?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—"(*a*) & (*b*) The collection of statistics for the